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## PALESTINE TENSION

### Troops Stand To, Ready For Action

## ALCATRAZ PRISON RIOTING

San Francisco, May 3.  
Prison guards drove through a hail of gunfire early this morning to corner a group of rioting convicts in the Alcatraz Island Federal Prison cell block and rescued 10 guards who were being held for hostages.

At least one guard was killed and 14 injured in the bloody battle to quell one of the bloodiest strikes for freedom in American prison history.

Four or five of the nation's major newspapers are believed to be involved in the outbreak. In Washington, D.C., James C. Bennett, head of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, said that all hostages have been rescued from the hands of the desperate convicts.

Prison guard B. A. Burch reported that the riot started at 3 p.m., San Francisco time on Thursday when he was overpowered by Bernard P. Coy, who is serving a 25-year sentence for bank robbery. He said Coy seized his rifle and pistol and then obtained other guns which he passed out to accomplices.

The ring leaders of the attempted break have not been captured, but Warden J. A. Johnson said "the situation is improving." Associated Press.

## LADY LOUIS' FAN MAIL

Perth, May 3.  
Lady Louis Mountbatten, wife of the Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia, has received a fan mail which would do justice to a film star since she arrived in Western Australia.

Many letters were accompanied by gifts, including a boomarang. The most unusual expressions of admiration was an offer to do her laundry.

Lady Mountbatten was leaving today for Alice Springs, on her way to Darwin, North Australia. —Reuter.

## King Ferdinand Wants A Gun

(By HAL BOYLE)

Coburg, May 3.  
An old man who once equipped hundreds of thousands of troops with arms is today asking the American Military Government for one shotgun.

He is 85 years-old King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, now living alone in retirement in his ancestral home.

His former palace inspector, Michael Petro, a Czech who has been with him 44 years, went to the American military government to ask if Ferdinand could have back his old shotgun and some cartridges.

"He wants it to hunt the auerhahn," said Petro, "he says the auerhahn are calling to him. There is a legend in the royal family that each member must kill an auerhahn each year or he will die."

The auerhahn is a large game bird—a mountain cock. Not wishing to accept responsibility for any disaster to the royal family by flouting the legend, a military government officer, Major Sidney Klein, is seeking a way to get a license for the household so that Ferdinand can bag his auerhahn and so save off disaster for another season.

Ferdinand won his crown in an election and lost it in the first world war. He ruled Bulgaria for 34 years from 1884 to 1918. He now lives quietly, filling his time with flower and bird studies and reading newspapers. —Associated Press.

Rio De Janeiro, May 3.  
The Marquis of Linlithgow, former Viceroy of India, has arrived here, accompanied by the Marchioness of Linlithgow. —Reuter.

Public safety officers are hunting for "Black Peter"—believed to be a former Wehrmacht officer—who is the hidden leader of the German underground organization known as "Edelweiss Pirates".

The gang cuts off the hair of German girls who associate with British troops and conducts "war" against Polish displaced persons.

They are known to have been planning the blowing up of a Polish camp.

When one of the "Edelweiss Pirates" was sentenced to death and six others to 18 years imprisonment recently, the President of the British Military Government court described them as a dangerous and illegal organization, capable of developing into a threat to the future peace of Europe. —Reuter.

## No Word From The United States

LONDON, MAY 3.  
A STRONG UNDER-CURRENT OF FEELING PREVAILS IN PALESTINE TODAY, AND SOME 2½ DIVISIONS OF BRITISH TROOPS ARE STANDING TO, AS A RESULT OF THE ANGLO-U.S. COMMISSION'S REPORT RECOMMENDING THE IMMEDIATE ENTRY OF 100,000 JEWS INTO THAT COUNTRY. ARABS IN JERUSALEM STAGED A ONE DAY STRIKE.

NO INFORMATION WAS FORTHCOMING FROM THE UNITED STATES AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD AGREE TO THE SENDING OF AMERICAN TROOPS TO PALESTINE TO ASSIST IN THE DISARMING OF THE ILLEGAL JEWISH AND ARAB ARMIES.

British troops in Palestine, reliably estimated to number 2½ divisions, are tonight on the alert for any active reaction to the publication of the Committee's recommendation of immediate entry of 100,000 Jews into Palestine.

They are supported by a number of Royal Air Force units and coastal patrols and, in an emergency, would have behind them 15,000 members of the Palestine police and prison services.

Aircraft with searchlights, craft patrolling the coastline, and the land forces have all cooperated in the recent actions against illegal attempts to land Jewish emigrants.

The forces—both Jew and Arab—which go to make up the Commission's description of Palestine as an "armed camp"—and which the British forces might be called upon to keep in check, have never accurately been estimated.

Least of all is known of the secret Arab activities inside Palestine, though recent messages from the Middle East indicate that:

(1) Arab gangs and underground organizations which took part in the 1936-39 disturbances did not altogether disappear when the disturbances petered out in the early months of 1939.

(2) The larger gangs are thought, then, to have disintegrated—their chiefs mostly left the country at the time—but a revival of Arab organizations, such as took part in the re-

## Cancer

London, May 3.  
Cancer deaths among civilians in England and Wales last year totalled 73,000, the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, disclosed in the House of Commons today.

At the same time, it was revealed that 21,000 experiments were performed on living animals during 1944 in connection with cancer research. —Reuter.

## One Day Strike

Leaders of Palestine Arabs have appealed for "order and calm" during today's strike which will bring to a standstill all Arab industry, commerce and transport throughout the country in protest against the recommendations of the Anglo-American Commission.

In Jerusalem itself, no demonstrations are being permitted today but in other purely Arab towns such as Jaffa, Nablus, Gaza and Hebron, mass meetings and political rallies had been planned. —Reuter.

## Protest From Iraq

Bagdad, May 3.  
The Iraqi Government has sent a strong protest to Britain and the United States against the report of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission.

The Iraqi press published the report and comments inside black borders and asked the nation to stand by to defend the homeland by all means. —Reuter.

## Deeply Shocked

New York, May 3.  
Bartley C. Crum, a member of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission, declared last night that he was "deeply shocked" at the statement by the British Prime Minister that the admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine this year would be "conditioned by the

innocent examination of the problem but the outcome of British and American foreign policy."

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## NATIONAL HEALTH BILL

London, May 3.  
Every doctor in Britain may be asked to vote for or against the National Health Bill, as a result of the decisions taken by hundreds of doctors at a meeting in London at a special representative meeting of the British Medical Association.

Two resolutions remitted to the Council of the Association for consideration declared that before the Council recommends doctors to accept or refuse service under the new bill, a plebiscite of the whole profession should be taken and referendum of the profession should be taken at once to determine the view of the profession before the bill became law and that in the event of the referendum indicating strong opposition to the bill, the Government should be informed immediately, with the view to it being confronted with action likely to ensue.

A resolution from Belfast that everyone should be compulsorily insured for health and that complete medical service should be available for all who needed it or desired it, provided that state monopoly of medicine was avoided, was carried without division.

The resolution to reject the bill in its entirety was not put to the meeting. —Reuter.

## Frank Buchman Called "Soapy Racketeer"

London, May 3.  
Dr. Frank Buchman, 67-year-old American evangelist and leader of the Oxford Group, was denounced by the Labourite, Mr. Tom Driberg, in the House of Commons today as a "soapy racketeer" who "formerly expressed enthusiasm for the work and personalities of the Nazi leaders."

Mr. Driberg wanted to know why Dr. Buchman was allowed to enter England with 100 of his followers to "disseminate propaganda of his cult."

Mr. Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, said it was not the Government's policy to discriminate between religious bodies.

"This evangelist has a number of adherents in this country, whose loyalty has never been in doubt," Mr. Ede pointed out.

He said he knew certain members of the House "have sometimes gained spiritual strength and consolation from this denomination."

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## YUGOSLAV CASE

London, May 3.  
The Belgrade radio last night said that the Yugoslav deputy Premier, Edward Kardelj, left by plane for Paris to present the Yugoslav case to the Foreign Ministers' conference.

Kardelj was accompanied by Foreign Minister Simich and various advisers. —Associated Press.

British Government on disarming the "illegal armies" and the surrender of their arms.

"The unanimous recommendation of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission was that these tragic victims of Nazi rule should be admitted to Palestine in 1946 without conditions."

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## NOT IN THE PINK

London, May 3.  
Britain's exclusive fox-hunting community has been hit by the clothing shortage. "Hunting pink" coats are scarce. Deploring the lack of "correct clothes" one commentator wrote, "At the Crawley and Horsham Hunt Ball recently I counted only 50 pink coats." The remainder of the male guests wore ordinary black. —Reuter.

## "Lorries High With Coffins"

Royston, near Barnsley, May 3.  
The Reverend J. G. Seebold, Vicar of Royston, makes this comment in the Parish magazine on victory parades: "Strip the glamour of war from victory celebrations. Instead of rifles and gun carriages, there should be crutches and spinal corsets."

"Instead of tanks there should be lorry loads of wreckage and lorries piled high with coffins. Following these would come thousands of aged people, bowed with grief from whom the sun has gone out of their lives. Then widows and fatherless children. In the real procession would come tens of thousands of little ones with their ribs showing through their skins."

"Loud-speakers would proclaim the sorrow of the hopeless and bereaved whose souls would take the place of cheering."

The Reverend Seebold said: "Already the people are beginning to forget the horrors of war and are remembering only its glamour." —Reuter.

## FRANCO-BRITISH AGREEMENT

London, May 3.  
France and Britain have signed a new financial agreement under which the French agree to pay all their outstanding debts to Britain, now totaling £110,000,000 by April 1, 1949. —Associated Press.

Speaking in his own defence Dr. Schacht told the court that he never received money gifts from Hitler, but on his 60th birthday he received a picture supposed to be worth 20,000 marks, and which he recognised immediately as a forgery. "Hitler never replaced it."

Asked about the Nazi Party "Links" badge, and whether this golden emblem was not Germany's highest honour, Dr. Schacht raised a laugh by replying with an audible sigh, "Many who had one would have preferred to have a new car."

At the end of the day, his duel with the prosecution still unfinished, Dr. Schacht gave the impression of being an extremely confident witness.

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## Terrible Famine Conditions

Washington, May 3.  
Fiorenzo LaGuardia, director of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, expects that 4,000,000 people will die of starvation unless the world food situation improves overnight.

The Chinese are in famine and he said "40,000,000 Chinese in 19 provinces are on the point of starvation. The famine is almost unprecedented in severity."

Food was being rushed as fast as crippled transportation would permit, LaGuardia said. Although China's requests to U.N.R.R.A. for food relief have not been possible of fulfilment in their entirety, LaGuardia said 250,000 tons of food have been turned over to the Chinese Relief Organisation by U.N.R.R.A. since the inception of the American relief programme in China.

"Because of the world rice shortage," the administrator continued, "only 11,260 tons of that cereal have been received so far." U.N.R.R.A. asked the combined Food Board for 370,000 tons of rice for China during the first half of this year, LaGuardia declared, but the Board was able to allocate less than 100,000 tons.

High Mortality  
Continuing his revelations of conditions in China as reported from Shanghai, LaGuardia said, "The reasons for the critical food shortage in China are battle, drought, floods, locust plagues, the destruction of the fishing industry along coastal and inland waters, mass migration of refugees, disruption of transportation, shortage of farmers and farm implements, necessity for feeding Japanese prisoners of war, and other factors."

The famine has reached its greatest intensity in Yunnan province, known as the "rice bowl of China. It is estimated that 7,000,000 persons in this province of a population of 27,000,000 are approaching starvation condition while millions are reduced to eating grass, roots, tree bark and even clay.

Although no actual statistics can be obtained, the mortality rate particularly among children is said to be exceptionally high. (Continued on Page 5)

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## DEATH OF BRITISH NURSE

Rumours of the death by suicide of a British nurse at the 28th Indian General Hospital, Bowan Road, were categorically denied by the Commanding Officer of the hospital in an exclusive interview with the "China Mail" last night. He confirmed that a Nurse Bowyer, aged 25, had died but stressed that this was through natural causes.

Nurse Bowyer, he told the "China Mail," had been ill and was undergoing treatment. Death was from septicaemia or Wednesday and she was buried that afternoon.

The Commanding Officer of the Hospital was at first unable to account for the rumours, which gained a wide circulation and were to the effect that she had been found drowned in a water tank on a vacant piece of ground next to the hospital. The story had it that she was seen alive at 10 p.m. that morning, looking quite cheerful.

Mention of the water tank, however, gave him a possible clue. "It has just occurred to me how the mistake might have arisen," he said. "We have a water tank here at the hospital and it has been leaking badly. I wanted to get it repaired before the moon-rising start, and it is a fact that that afternoon the fire engine arrived to empty the tank so that it could be repaired."

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## Self-Government

And so, at long last, it has come. "His Majesty's Government has under consideration the means by which in Hong Kong, as elsewhere in the Colonial Empire, the inhabitants of the territory can be given a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs." If there has been no popular demonstration of enthusiasm or approval in consequence of this historic announcement by His Excellency the Governor, the fact does not belie the profound satisfaction with which it has been greeted by all sections of the community. The plain truth is that the Colony is no longer in the mood to get exuberant over the disposal of the delusion that political sagacity exhausted itself when the constitution of the Colony was formulated a century ago. The boot rather was on the other foot. Had there been no announcement, either on the return to civil government, or shortly afterwards, indicating the doom of the era of patronage and privilege, and the introduction of a genuine measure of self-government, then the community could readily have been stirred into excitement. Pleasure, however, like everything else, is purely relative, and even while the promise of the development of democratic institutions within this Colony conforms with general expectations, pleasure and content with the plans unfolded are not diminished. Particularly satisfying is the wide field of scope thrown open both by the Government's statement of policy and His Excellency's instructions. It is suggested that one method of ensuring effective participation of the people of Hong Kong in the management of their own affairs would be by handing over certain functions of internal administration, hitherto exercised by Government, to a Municipal Council constituted on a fully representative basis. It is a proposal that commends itself as by far the most promising approach at this stage in the Colony's history to the practical difficulties of discovering the point at which the rights of citizenship fit in most appropriately with readiness for responsibility. We delude ourselves if we imagine that Hong Kong's civic development can measure up to the standards required for full democracy. But we do ourselves greater injury if we lose sight of the fact that the absence of representative institutions tends naturally to prevent the growth of civic spirit and to stifle initiative. Between too much and too little, the Municipal Council idea seems to strike a happy mean. Direct participation in municipal affairs is the best training ground for the true democratic spirit and for a sense of civic pride and responsibility. It is probably also true that the problem of devising a satisfactory franchise will prove, in experience, to be less arduous than if an attempt were made, at this time, to extend the principle of self-government to any drastic extent, into other spheres. Some modification of the Legislative Council system may well be found to be desirable. While a job is being done, let us make it a good job, and ensure that Unofficial members are both genuinely representative of the community and invested with more than an emasculated power of protest. On these lines, there is much that will have to be thrashed out in the consultations which His Excellency the Governor proposes to initiate. It calls for earnest thought by all responsible minds lest an attainable good be lost, either through a strained perfectionism, or through lack of solidarity.

## A TORY DISCUSSES THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT

Many people are asking me why election results do not show a bigger movement of public opinion against the Government. I remind them of the story of Charles I. and his brother James. James, then Duke of York and heir to the throne, asked Charles why he did not take greater precautions against assassination.

Charles replied that he knew his Government was unpopular. "But," he added, "nobody would kill me, James, to make you King."

The reason why by-elections do not yet show a swing against the Government is the same. The Government is losing its popularity, but the Conservatives are not regaining theirs.

Nevertheless, I have detected signs lately that people who voted Labour last June are slowly beginning to suspect that things are not as they would have wished.

They are right. The Government has mistaken the nature of its mandate and is being rapidly driven by its supporters into an entirely wrong direction.

In the main, people voted Labour in order to avoid certain dangers, real or imagined, which they associated with Conservative government.

First of all, they wanted to run no risk of a return to mass unemployment, and they held the Conservative Party responsible for the chronic unemployment which darkened our domestic politics after 1921.

Secondly, they wanted certain basic fundamentals of civilised life to be available to all without regard to their means—a fair start in life, both in food and education, medical attention, insurance against sickness, unemployment and old age, a decent home.

They very largely believed the propaganda which told them that Conservatives would not offer these advantages—and for this they were not wholly to blame.

What the electors certainly

never intended—probably never even thought possible—was that the Labour Party should use their victory not for the purpose of improving conditions of life but to levy war on one after another of the trades, classes, and professions of which the community is composed.

Such a class war is totally unnecessary. The great scheme of Social Insurance planned by the Coalition Government involved no such attack.

Full employment would have brought both high wages and good profits. An agreed scheme

By QUINTIN HOGG, MP

for a comprehensive National Health Service was almost achieved.

Free meals in schools and a subsidised price level would have brought the necessities within the reach of the least wealthy.

Houses would have come slowly at first, no doubt, but soon more quickly under the combined efforts of local authority and private enterprise. The Education Act was already on the Statute Book.

There was no reason whatever to necessitate or justify the particular course which Ministers have seen fit to take.

In each case they have deliberately chosen to antagonise an important class or section of the community with which their measures had to deal.

When the object is to build houses, Mr. Bevan goes out of his way to insult and frustrate the thousands of private builders up and down the country.

When the plan is to create a comprehensive health service, he deliberately cuts across the voluntary hospitals and the medical profession—on whose continued good will the success of the scheme is quite likely to depend.

The National Insurance Bill could quite well have been so arranged as to take in the friendly societies—but Mr. James Griffiths brutally determines to drive his supporters through the lobbies against

their enemy. The medics are baring their chests and the dentists are baring their teeth; a big battle is imminent. It is true that the doctors do not dispute the aim of the National Health Service Bill. Their protest is against the means adopted to achieve that aim. They foresee that the relationship between doctor and patient will be killed by the dead hand of bureaucracy, that the doctor will be unable to preserve the individuality he has preserved in the past and that he will in time become just another civil servant. This last point, of course, is one which has not escaped the cartoonist. One wit in a morning paper depicts the doctor of the future who is dressed in brass buttoned uniform and wears a peak cap; his black bag bears the label "Doctor, No. 413276." As he addresses the lady of the house, on whom he is calling, he consults his very official notebook.

"I'm from the Gastric Department," he says. "I understand you've been having some trouble."

One argument against the Bill has not been fully voiced yet, but no doubt when the time comes it will be. The scheme will cost £152,000,000 a year to operate. Will the country be able to afford it? Britain is committed under the schemes which the Government is promulgating to great programmes of expansion. The Armed Forces are to total over a million men, education is to be extended, enormous re-building plans are to be carried out, interest must be paid on the American loan, nationalistic schemes are to be pushed through. All these things must be paid for—and most of them through the pocket of the taxpayer. What relief can the taxpayer expect? On April 9 the Chancellor of the Exchequer will deliver his budget speech. The man-in-the-street wonders whether, in view of what the nation is committed to, he can expect a reduction in income tax, or a repeal of the purchase tax.

Play of the Week is "Murder on the Nile" by Agatha Christie. Some shootings but no thrills. It

them, notwithstanding the fact that fully half had given a pledge the other way at the election.

A plan for the transport industry of this country could perfectly easily take into account the interests of the tens of thousands of small firms of long-distance road hauliers.

But the Government has made up its mind to destroy the livelihood of all these men and many of their employers.

The Liverpool cotton market not merely provided in peacetime the means whereby certain prices could be quoted in advance to sellers and buyers of cotton throughout the world; it also provided a much needed source of foreign exchange—particularly of dollars to the tune of at least £1,000,000 a year.

Nevertheless, the Government decided to close the Exchange.

These policies—covering a vast field of public life and enterprise—have all one element in common, a deliberate and planned attack by the Government on whatever group of men and women have in the past been successful in serving the public in that particular sphere.

In each case the group can be written off as a sectional interest. It is a small minority of the nation as a whole.

Mr. Wilmot has apparently marked down the steel industry for nationalisation despite the fact that it has provided a perfectly workable plan for its own reorganisation.

The truth is that the Labour Party is nothing but an immense vested interest in class antagonism.

And so it will go on—as group after group is successively brought under the Labour barrow.

No profession, no locality, no way of life will be safe any more than it was under the Nazis.

All will be *gleichgeschaltet* sooner or later—until, maybe, it will gradually dawn on the people that although each class or group individually is a small minority, collectively they make up the nation—and it is the nation which is being attacked piecemeal by our National Socialist Administration.

Washington, Wednesday. War reporting allows the correspondent to see about all there is to record in the way of human reaction, or so I thought until one small Waaf arrived here a few days ago to talk to the women of America.

The Waaf—who was Flight Officer Pearl of the British women's war effort with the simple statement: "I am here to try to give you an idea of some of the work we did, and will gladly answer any question except in relation to our training."

In brief, rather halting sentences, she explains that it was their job to disrupt German communications. The radio girls had an even harder job than hers, because they had to sit where they were all day coding and decoding radio messages from London and knowing all the time that a German secret service man might walk in on them.

In May 1943 her R.A.F. leader was arrested and sent to Buchenwald, and she found herself in charge of 2,000 Frenchmen and the whole organization in her district.

Goggle-Eyed  
Five days after D Day her troop was attacked by a greatly superior German force. "But, owing to our knowledge of the terrain, our casualties were fortunately not high."

Into the shock-charged atmosphere of a roomful of women, goggle-eyed and unable to believe their ears, somebody interjects the fact that the Nazis put a price on Pearl's head.

"Much too much," she says. "I'm sure I couldn't have been worth all that even to the Nazis."

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## BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER.

Paleanguenne! Morguienne! Stap my gizzard! Cram me with eels! An official of the Ministry of Food said to a reporter the other day. "In theory, everyone is getting two eggs a week."

I am told, furthermore, that people living in theoretical houses are, in theory, getting masses of fittings and furniture. Stuff me with theoretical butter! Theory is the lad that does it! But how astonishing it is that Ministries and Government Departments have not made more use of such a convenient phrase.

On The Slopes Of Popcatinakett

My special correspondent on Popcatinakett has been sighting his eyes for the first sight of the Strabismus expedition. But nothing stirs in the undergrowth save birds of gorgeous plumage. A sudden flash of gold and green betrays the presence of the oraca, which rises chattering like a baboon from its nest among the muck-grass.

To the left a lynx is baying. To the right an armadillo splashes in the fetid waters of an inland lagoon bordered by towering ipocruca trees. Boll-fies and marsh-beetles hum through the steaming air their iridescent wings gleaming as they dart and fro. In a hollow pococo tree the Mexican eagle utters his low warning cry to the little succus, jungle-thrushes, a-hunting for snails pause to utter a silvorn cascade of melody. There is no sign of human life.

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That complicates the whole problem of giving sound advice to the world on how to give the right quantity of vitamins to stave off the effects of world famine. And it becomes necessary to study the way in which vitamins are produced in the animal body.

Now there is plenty of evidence that in the animal intestines billions of bacteria live which pay their rent and board by manufacturing vitamins.

That brings us to the sulphonomide drugs. These drugs are valuable to human beings because they stop the growth of dangerous bacteria. But all bacteria are not dangerous; some are valuable like these vitamin-making bacteria.

That being so it becomes necessary to find out what effect, if any, the sulphonomide drugs have on friendly bacteria. The refected

By A SCIENTIFIC CORRESPONDENT

ed rats are full of vitamin-producing bacteria, so that, even when all the vitamin B is removed from their food, vitamin B passes out of their body.

Aid For Doctors  
When the sulphonomides are given them the vitamin B disappears. That means the friendly bacteria have been injured.

So as to check on this result another step is taken. It is known that p-aminobenzoic acid stops the sulphonomides from injuring disease-causing bacteria; if then it is due to the drug that the vitamin B is not being manufactured, this bad result should start when the acid is given.

And that is exactly what happens. And so the whole thing is proved beyond a doubt.

At once we see that something very important to human beings follows: a sick man being cured with sulphonomide drugs may be running the risk of vitamin starvation unless his diet is suitably enriched to counteract the possible cutting off of his body-made supplies.

Doctors can now see why some of their patients are not doing as well as they should, and take appropriate measures to put things right.

Now the moral of all this is that science is not a matter of occasional sudden discovery, but of thousands of little pieces of research carefully carried out like this one, seeming perhaps in themselves very little but adding up to a tremendous achievement upon which the safety and comfort of our lives depend.

A WOMAN REPORTER LOOKS IN ON THE AMERICAN SCENE

## Pearl Of The Waafs Sure Is Sumpin'

(By IRIS CARPENTER)

Washington, Wednesday. War reporting allows the correspondent to see about all there is to record in the way of human reaction, or so I thought until one small Waaf arrived here a few days ago to talk to the women of America.

The Waaf—who was Flight Officer Pearl of the British women's war effort with the simple statement: "I am here to try to give you an idea of some of the work we did, and will gladly answer any question except in relation to our training."

In brief, rather halting sentences, she explains that it was their job to disrupt German communications. The radio girls had an even harder job than hers, because they had to sit where they were all day coding and decoding radio messages from London and knowing all the time that a German secret service man might walk in on them.

In May 1943 her R.A.F. leader was arrested and sent to Buchenwald, and she found herself in charge of 2,000 Frenchmen and the whole organization in her district.

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# ARABS "WARN" BRITAIN

## Four-Point Resistance Campaign

### Communists Split In Hungary

Budapest, May 3. A split is developing within the Hungarian Communist Party over the fate of Paul Demeny, an outstanding Communist leader before the war, who has for the past year been a prisoner of the political police.

Meetings have been held by the Communist Party to deal with it, though, so far, details have been withheld from the public.

Present-day leaders of the party are not willing to work with Demeny. They allege that he has been an informer and is really a Fascist. Although held by the political police since Feb. 12, 1945, Demeny has been neither charged nor tried.

He joined the Communist movement in 1917. In 1921 he was sentenced to be hanged for his part in the Hungarian commune, but the sentence was commuted to six years' imprisonment.

According to his own statements and thousands of his followers, Demeny was the moving spirit of the Communist Movement in Hungary. His pamphlet in 1938, "Not the Czechs but the Germans are Our Enemies" cost him two years' imprisonment.

During the German occupation, he joined the Resistance Movement and was the connecting link with the army until he handed over this duty to Dr. Rajk, now Minister of Interior.

Demeny's organization was called the Communist Party in Hungary, while a parallel party, known as the Hungarian Communist Party, was led by men who lived in Moscow during the war. The two merged in November, 1944. Demeny states that there is no political controversy between him and the present leaders of the Hungarian Communist Party, who are responsible for his imprisonment, and that his arrest is due to purely personal reasons.—Reuter.

### Old Cocks In Pageant

London, May 3. A pageant of 400 motor vehicles, including passenger and commercial cars and tractors, illustrative of the vintage from 1896 to 1946, will tour London on July 27 in celebration of the British motor industry's golden jubilee. The organizing committee announced today.

Other events in the commemorative programme will be the opening of the Motor Industry's headquarters and an exhibition, entitled "A pageant of 50 years of progress."

Provincial cavalcades will be arranged for Birmingham, Coventry, Manchester, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Belfast.—Reuter.

### Palestine For U.N.O.?

New York, May 3. A spokesman for a member of the United Nations said yesterday there was a "possibility" that the Palestine issue may be brought before the Security Council.

The spokesman, who declined to be identified, said that such action may be decided upon within the next two days.

"The present situation in Palestine," he said, "is certainly a threat to peace in the Middle East. There can be no doubt of that. Therefore, the Palestine question definitely comes under the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

He did not say which nation might take the initiative in calling the issue for United Nations action.—Associated Press.

### SMUGGLED JEWELS INTO BRITAIN

London, May 3. For bringing \$9,000 worth of jewelry and glassware into Britain for the black market, eight Czechoslovak soldiers were fined amounts ranging from \$7.10 to \$73 today.

The goods were stated to have come from Prague in two military lorries which were transported across the Channel and landed at Tilbury, near London. Two defendants pleaded guilty and on behalf of those who claimed innocence it was said they were not asked to declare anything by the customs. The goods were confiscated by the court.—Associated Press.

## Organisation Of Defence Forces

JERUSALEM, MAY 3. THE ARAB HIGHER COMMITTEE YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD SENT A "WARNING" TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT RESPECTING THE PALESTINE INQUIRY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SAYING THAT ARABS NOW WILL PROCEED TO ORGANIZE THEIR FORCES "AND PREPARE ALL MEANS FOR DEFENSE IN ORDER TO RESUME THE NATIONAL STRUGGLE."

THE MESSAGE TO BRITAIN WAS ADDRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT R. ATTLEE AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SIR ALAN CUNNINGHAM.

Earlier, officials of the Higher Committee appealed to the Arab nations to rally to the defense of Palestine and said it would study plans to modernize Arab youths in a struggle "which will continue till death."

Calling for suggestions "in the defense against the catastrophe" of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee report, the Committee sent telegrams to King Ibn Saud of Arabia, the Emir Abdullah of Transjordan, President Kountatly of Syria, President Bechara El Khoury of Lebanon, the Regent Emir Abdullah of Iraq, and to Abdul Rahman Azam Pasha, Secretary of the Arab League in Cairo.

Abdullah Shukairy, director of the Arab Office, read the letter addressed to Mr. Attlee at a news conference, and said it had been presented to the High Commissioner's secretary in a brief two-minute meeting.

#### Historical Seconds

"In our view," said Shukairy, "if Britain implements the report, those two minutes will pass into history as historical seconds." He termed the letter second only to an ultimatum, and said the national struggle referred to the 1936-39 uprising, which ended with the White Paper which limited Jewish immigration.

Meantime, responsible Arab leaders told the Associated Press that a memorandum was in preparation which "will repudiate and reject, point by point, the Committee's report."

One spokesman said the report would be condemned for its "moral and intellectual tone of condescension, its cowardliness and superficiality, and for the fact that it was written by a group of tourists who stayed in the country only a few months."

Complete Arab reaction to the Inquiry Committee's report began crystallizing with the call for a one-day general strike today and with the formation of an Arab Committee to study plans for later civil disobedience action.

#### Threat To Arabs

The text of the Higher Committee's letter to Prime Minister Attlee reads as follows: "In connection with the report of the Inquiry Committee, the Arab Higher Committee has decided to reject the recommendations in the said report. The Higher Committee believes the report is not the result of a free and innocent examination of the problem, and that it is the outcome of American and British policy. Implementation of the said recommendations threatens the national existence of Arabs in Palestine."

#### Violation Of Charter

"In addition, it is a violation of the rights of self-determination, of pledges to the Arabs by the British of the Atlantic Charter and of the principles for which the Allies waged war. The Higher Committee declares the determination of Arabs to defend the country with all the means at their disposal."

"Pending the decision of the British Government on the implementation of the report, the Arabs will proceed to organize their national forces and prepare all means for defense in order to resume the national struggle. The Arabs shall not fail to take the path leading to the expulsion of this danger to sovereignty, liberty and independence."

"In view of the above, the Higher Committee presents this warning, demanding a refusal of the recommendations, and the realization of our national demand."—Associated Press.

#### Four-Point Plan

London, May 3. A four-point plan for Palestine Arab resistance upon the findings of the Anglo-American Committee was hammered out in Jerusalem today by the Arab Higher Committee.

The Arab four-point plan calls for:

- (1) Civil disobedience campaign.
- (2) Mass meetings throughout Palestine for May 10.
- (3) Creation of an Arab National Fund to finance the Arab cause in Palestine.
- (4) Mobilization of Arab youth and Arab Moslems of Europe in the service of the country.

The British Government, it is learned from responsible authorities, will ask the U.S. for:

#### U.S. Armed Aid

- (1) American military reinforcements to allow the doubling of the present garrisons in the strife-torn land. These would be needed to "protect" the proposed 100,000 new Jewish immigrants, if not to disarm illegal Arab bands. Press reports here have laid special stress on disarmament of Jewish armed men, but it is understood that the British consider it equally important to neutralize Arab "guerrillas," who were just as troublesome to the British forces in the 1930s.
- (2) Large-scale financial assistance to help to cover not only considerable cost of new immigration, but to assist in the rapid, economic and cultural development of Palestine.
- (3) That negotiations be opened with a view possibly to establishing a joint Anglo-American trusteeship for the Holy Land, thus "regain[ing] America's financial and physical contribution to implementation of the new plan."—Reuter.

#### Syrian Support

Damascus, May 3. Prime Minister Saadallah Jauris' new Cabinet announced yesterday it was condemning the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry report and promising unlimited Syrian support of Palestine in fighting Zionism.

The Cabinet recommended that Syria maintain close relations with all Arab States giving strong support to the Arab League and help Arab States achieve independence.—Associated Press.

#### No Comment

Washington, May 3. President Truman declined today to discuss British suggestions for American help in administering Palestine.—Associated Press.

## Laski Accuses Reds Of Totalitarian Aims

LONDON, MAY 3. Professor Harold Laski, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Britain's Labour Party, in a pamphlet issued today, explains the Labour Party leadership's opposition to the Communist Party's request for affiliation with the Labour Party, contending that the Communists work deliberately towards the one-party state.

The Communist strategy, upon Washington, "The real need is for a road to democracy and freedom, which lies through intelligent devotion to peace."

In Professor Laski's view, for socialists of democratic outlook, the unity demanded by the Communist Party is incompatible with the major purposes for which the Labour Party was brought into being.

It would be foolish, Professor Laski concluded, if in the hour when democratic citizens of every country look to the British Labour Party for inspiration and leadership, it should substitute for its own philosophy an outlook built upon distrust of the common people and denial of their right to experiment with the institutions of freedom.—Reuter.

Since it regards itself as the vanguard of the proletariat, the Communist Party must permeate the ranks of the Labour Party in order to dominate its life, Professor Laski maintained. Thus only can it prepare for the dictatorship which is the necessary method of consolidating its authority after the proletariat has hurled the bourgeoisie from power.

The Labour Party, continued its Chairman, does not propose to follow either the Communist road to dependence upon Moscow or the road of dependence

## Pretty Cool Example Of Cheek

London, May 3.

"A pretty cool example of cheek," was how Mr. William J. Brown, Independent Member of the House of Commons described the Anglo-American Palestine Committee's recommendation that 100,000 Jewish immigrants should be allowed into Palestine, if possible this year.

"The proposal boils down to the fact that Britain will have to settle these Jews in Palestine without military or financial assistance from the United States, who shares with Britain the responsibility for the production of the report. Britain will have to dump them there, and then face the consequences, and it requires no foresight at all to see what the consequences will be. The report makes that clear," Mr. Brown concluded.

The Socialist Member of Parliament, Mr. B. Janner, Chairman of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, welcomed the proposal to grant 100,000 immigration certificates, and said he was convinced that the new settlers would justify the confidence placed in them, just as the Jewish pioneer settlers had. He welcomed, too, the removal of the land tenure restrictions, which he considered long overdue, but claimed that the report as accepted ended the conception of a Jewish state and a Jewish homeland exercised by Jews all over the world.

He insisted that the intention of the League of Nations mandate and the Balfour Declaration was to accelerate the Jewish homeland and relieve the homelessness of the Jewish people, and the report, because it ended these conceptions, could not be entirely favourably received.—Reuter.

## Hotbed Of Fascism In Trieste

(By Rembert James)

Moscow, May 3. "Pravda" correspondent, Vladimir Kozhevnikov, said yesterday he found Fascism thriving in the Trieste area during a visit there in April.

"Columns of marchers went through the streets singing Fascist songs and bawling 'death to Slavs,'" Kozhevnikov wrote in "Pravda."

"They stretched out their hands in the old style Mussolini Fascist greeting," he said. "Once when the demonstrators met a truck taking German prisoners to work they gave the Germans an ovation."

Allied military police took no notice of this but when a British sailor raised a clenched fist to a passing group of workers he was arrested, he wrote. "What we saw and heard made us think we were in a Fascist nursery hidden from the punishing hand of the Democratic states," the article added.—Associated Press.

## Giants

Greenock, May 3. The world's most powerful ship, the 43,000-ton Vanguard, was brought to anchor off here today after a two-and-a-half hour journey down the River Clyde from the yards where she was built.

This newest battleship, which costs about \$11,000,000, built in the Clydebank ship yards, will lie at anchor within a mile of the world's largest liner, the 85,000-ton Queen Elizabeth, also a product of Clydebank shipbuilding skill.—Reuter.

## Battle For U.N.O. Home

New York, May 3.

The battle for a permanent home for the United Nations moved back into the spotlight with the announcement that the Headquarters Commission would convene here next Tuesday.

The nine-nation commission will prepare facts and figures for a final decision by the General Assembly on the United Nations Headquarters site.

Since the London meeting at which the Assembly approved a location in the Fairfield, Connecticut area, there has been agitation to re-examine the whole question, with some delegates privately expressing their wish that the headquarters might be established either in San Francisco or, as generally wished, outside the New York City area.

Other reports (which are without official confirmation) are persistent that some of the 51 member nations want to shift the site to Europe, perhaps Geneva.

Among the members of the Headquarters Commission are Paul Hasluck of Australia and K. W. Yu of China. The Australian delegation has pressed that San Francisco should be the site, right from the start, and it is believed that Hasluck would back such a Commission resolution to the Assembly.—Associated Press.

## Drastic Cut In American Railways

Washington, May 3. A ban on virtually all freight shipments, except food and fuel, and a drastic cut in railway passenger service has been ordered because of the coal strike, it was reported today.

Both orders are effective May 10.

President Truman said today that the month-old coal strike presents a serious situation which he views with alarm.

The Office of Defense Transportation ordered curtailments of coal burning trains and warned that "much more severe orders will be necessary if the strike is not settled." The coal burners' passenger trains have been ordered to reduce their service by 25 per cent. About 75 per cent of American passenger trains are coal burners.

Coal burners are prohibited from carrying any freight except food, livestock, perishables, coal, coke, charcoal, petroleum, medical supplies, printing paper and ink.

The order is considered more stringent than any wartime order.—Associated Press.

## PAN-AMERICAN IN PACIFIC

Washington, May 3. The Civil Aeronautics Board today extended indefinitely Pan-American Airways' temporary certificate to fly between Manila, Singapore and the Straits Settlements.

Otherwise the certificate would have expired April 29. It will remain effective until the CAB reaches a decision on Pacific service.

Pan-American said it intended to resume service with land planes as soon as equipment is available.—Associated Press.

## STEEL REPORT

London, May 3. Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, said today that the White Paper, setting out the report by the British Iron and Steel Federation and the Joint Council on the reorganization of the iron and steel industry should be available early next week.

The Government, he said, had decided to make one day available for the debate on the Government's proposals.—Reuter.

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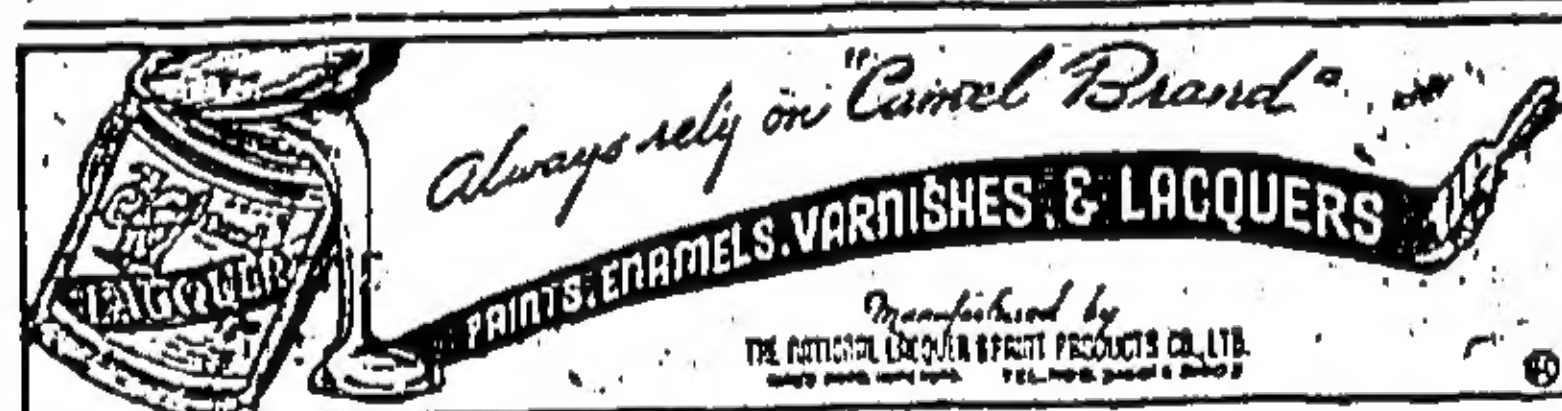
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## "KILLING GIRLS"

Frankfurt, May 3.  
Three German women were sentenced in Stuttgart today for spreading rumours that Polish Jews were slaughtering 17-year-old German girls and selling their flesh on the black market.  
Two received six months' jail terms and the third got a four-month suspended sentence. — Associated Press.

## Did "Repairs" Without Permit

Summoned for having on April 1 and 10 carried out work in connection with the installation of an inside service at 439-441, Castle Peak Road, connected to the waterworks system in the area, without having an appropriate licence entitling him to undertake such work, Mr. Yau, of 5, Wing Sing Lane, was fined \$150 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Prosecuting on behalf of the Waterworks Department, Mr. Cash stated that the defendant had been summoned following complaints from residents of the area that their water supply had been cut off. A representative of the Department had been sent to investigate and found that a 2-inch supply valve had been closed down.

In making the connection, closing the valve was essential to the operation. Defendant was interrogated and said that he was employed by Wing Lee at 439-441, Wing Sing Lane.

The Water Authority wished a serious view to be taken of the case as it was short-staffed and such unauthorised work could not easily be checked upon. The work done by defendant was of poor standard, while a very high standard was required before a licence was granted by the Department.

## Married

Miss Rosette Rose Gehring was married to L.A.C. Frederick Huxtable, R.A.F., at the Registry yesterday morning with Deputy Registrar J. M. Hall officiating.

Charged with the larceny, on or about March 22, of 40 drums of caustic soda from the s.s. Glenamoy, Chan Wing, 45, a tailyman, and Wong Cheung, 38, a lighterman, appeared before the Magistrate, Mr. W. H. Latimer, at Kowloon Court yesterday.

They were remanded seven days, bail of \$500 being allowed.

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# "Pacific Show Boat" Opens Its Doors

"PACIFIC SHOW BOAT" OPENED ITS \$8,000,000 DOORS TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN SAILORS, ON THURSDAY EVENING, A FEW HOURS AFTER THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG.  
IN REALITY THE S.S. MENESTHEUS, IT IS THE ROYAL NAVY'S FIRST AMENITIES SHIP, A BLUE FUNNEL LINER COMPLETELY REFITTED TO CATER FOR THE RELAXATION, RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT OF SERVICEMEN.

The title "Pacific Show Boat" — belonging to the ship's starboard — might well apply to the vessel itself, which can in one evening provide up to 800 men with meals, beer, and a cinema or first class theatre show.  
Playing the "Red Duster," S.S. Menestheus marks perhaps the biggest — and certainly a successful — merger of Merchant Navy and Royal Naval personnel. The ship is under the command of Captain P. Purkin, Merchant Navy, and carries a combined crew totalling about 300, who run the ship, manage a cafeteria, brewery and shops, and present entertainment shows in addition.

### Unique Ship

Unique in its position as an amenities ship, the 11,000 tons Menestheus had the first wartime role of a mine-layer. It was then converted in Vancouver shipyards for use in the Pacific, where men of British warships were spending long periods at sea with little or no facilities for relaxation.

The ship's theatre can accommodate 400 people and is fitted with a good-sized stage, lighting, drapes, dressing rooms and orchestra pit. The entertainment schedule varies from films to light music or swing or the stage review.

"Pacific Show Boat" is the first all-Naval review to go on the boards. It is directed and produced by Lieutenant Commander Ronnie Hill, R.N.V.R. — the Ronnie Hill well known in Britain as a radio performer, variety star, and composer of the musical scores of several films and West End shows.

The troupe includes several ex-professional actors and all have seen active service with the Navy. They were formed from most sections of the Service where they were doing jobs varying from Fleet Air Arm

observer to Able Seaman.

### Two Orchestras

Twenty-one first class Royal Marine Bandmen combine into a theatre orchestra and a concert dance orchestra.

The revue made its first appearance in the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, last year, and later toured Belgium, Germany, Holland and North-Corn Ireland, entertaining over 45,000 troops.

Small units also visited military hospitals and the Company took part in the opening of the British Forces network at Radio Hamburg.

Several thousand homeward bound Canadians were entertained on board the "Nieuw Amsterdam" when the Company crossed the Atlantic to tour Canada and play to over 30,000 people to assist the Victory Loan Drive.

### Real Brewing

Another important feature of this surprising ship is its fully equipped brewery which is capable of producing 9,000 gallons of beer a week. Made from concentrated hops and malt and distilled sea water, the beer is equal in quality to old ale draught beer. Five gallon drums are supplied to other ships and it is sold for mincepie a pint.

Four hundred men can satisfy their hunger and slake their thirst in the large cafeteria, while on the deck below they can get a haircut, order a new suit, take boots and shoes for repairing, and even record a message to send to the family back home.

In other parts of the ship are reading, writing and quiet rooms. A well-stocked library is provided and separate bars, buffets, and cafes, for officers and Chief and Petty Officers.

### American Guests

Since leaving Vancouver during the early part of this year, S.S. Menestheus has visited Yokohama, Kure, and Shanghai. "Show Boat" celebrated its one hundredth performance in Japan and the ship was visited by Admiral Lord Fraser, C-in-C, British Pacific Fleet, while in Shanghai.

The Menestheus is expected to remain in Hong Kong until about May 20. Last evening the ship was visited by sailors from the American Task Force who will again have an opportunity to enjoy its amenities this evening.

It will then be open each evening for the use of Naval personnel until "Pacific Show Boat" weighs anchor and continues its tour with a visit to Singapore.

## HAND CART KILLS GIRL

A 60-year-old widow, Wong Ho, was brought before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with hiring out a two wheel hand truck without an efficient brake on May 2.

Accused pleaded guilty. Inspector Hadden of the Traffic Department said that about 12.30 noon on May 2, a lorry No. CA 41, was travelling along Queen's Road Central in a westerly direction. When turning into Jackson Road, a two wheel hand truck loaded with earth, pulled by two coolies, two of them women, crashed into the lorry. As a result of the accident, two women coolies were seriously injured. One of them, Ho Wai-yin, 18, married woman, died on the way to hospital.

When the report was made, he summoned the owner of the hand truck to appear at the traffic office at 4.45 p.m. the same day. She was cautioned and told about the accident. Accused was fined \$150 and ordered to pay compensation of \$75 to the husband of the deceased woman, and \$25 to the injured coolie.

## Readers' Letters

### Ho Agrees

Sir—I definitely agree with B.O.R.'s opinion of the British women out here. They seem to think that the common soldier (who has been fighting for the likes of them for six years, many have died) is so much dirt. I am only too willing to admit that the women of the different organisations and services have done, and are still doing, a good job, but that does not mean they have the right to act the way they do towards O.R.'s. Not only the women of the services, but civilians, who have been here all the time, men and women, seem to forget what most of the lads have been through to get here and liberate them. I hear my own men complain bitterly that if this is what their friends did for it is not worth it. I myself am not one of the other ranks, but I agree with them.

CDO.

### "Objective Burma"

Sir—I have just seen the screen biography of one of the United States' most colourful figures. Mr. Errol Flynn plays his part with all the dash and abandon that we have come to expect from this son of the open air. But I learn with concern that it is intended to show soon another instalment of Mr. Flynn's imaginary adventures in "Objective Burma". This is the film that was so hurriedly withdrawn from all English cinemas after a few performances. The people of England know too much about the bitter fighting that accompanied for us many Japs as were killed in all other theatres of the Pacific War. They appreciate the United States' great part in the East, but they know that of over one million Allied troops in Burma there were but 30,000 Americans. Fair-minded Americans admit that this film

gives a wholly distorted picture of the long struggle in what was predominantly a British zone. It was no wonder that men who had returned from the Burmese Army threatened to wreck the cinema showing "Objective Burma". They know that victory was not achieved by the antics of Mr. Flynn and his handful of parachutists, keeping a stiff upper lip through episodes of fiction. When so much depends on future happy Anglo-American relations this is not the time for such provocation.

Hong Kong had to wait four years for the truth about the Pacific War—much of China had to wait far longer. I hope that those who intend to see "Objective Burma" will prefix in their minds the explanation "Any resemblance between any incident or character in this photoplay and any actual incident or living person is purely coincidental." Warner Brothers claim to be "making new screen history." I cannot agree more wholeheartedly.

### "SOL HOGWASCH"

### More Rats

Sir—Your correspondent, Gateways and W.A.A.F. Gorgeous appear to be rather anxious regarding the "rat" situation in Hong Kong. It is fairly obvious that these people are not particularly well-travelled otherwise such triviales would escape their notice. They would probably be interested to know that at Mr. Bonza Wong, on the upper reaches of the Osh-Koh, the rat population has increased to such an alarming extent that special arrangements have been made to deal with them. A complete cinema, staffed entirely by rats, has been placed at their disposal and a running buffet stocked with cheese and biscuits is provided. In addition, a limited number have been elected to sit on the local County Council.

Returning to the original problem, a much more disturbing factor than the presence of rats of cinema performances, has arisen. For instance, a friend of mine—a certain Miss Prudence Pughbottom—while watching a film a few evenings ago, was startled to receive several deliberate nudges in the ribs. Imagining her amazement when she discovered that the occupant of the adjoining seat was, as she described it, "a large and lecherous-looking horse", who continued to ogle her between puffs at an evil-smelling cigar. Naturally, she was extremely embarrassed and later complained to the management. They were sympathetic but not very helpful, muttering in their bands something that sounded like, "It's that Nostalgia again!"

The whole situation is, if I may coin a phrase, extremely peculiar. HORACE DOGSBODY.

### Who Won The War?

Sir—Last night I spent two hours in the company of an American sailor belonging to the U.S. task force which arrived recently. Now this sailor seemed to me to be of above average intelligence, which made me all the more amazed to hear from him the following facts during the course of the evening.

First, that Jet Propulsion had been invented in the U.S. Second, that Radar, and its associate, the Radio Proximity Fuse, had also been pioneered in his country. Third, that the U.S. developed Penetration, that the Mosquito was an American aircraft; that the Merlin was an American engine; that U.S. aircraft were primarily responsible for winning the Battle of Britain; and that the Rocket Projectile was a U.S. invention. Fourth, that the U.S. Army was

# Tomorrow May Be Too Late!

CHOLERA IS A DANGEROUS DISEASE WITH A HIGH MORTALITY RATE. IT IS HIGHLY INFECTIOUS AND SPREADS RAPIDLY. THE DISEASE MAY DEVELOP WITH STARTING SUDDENNESS IN THE INFECTED PERSON AND PROGRESS WITH APPALLING RAPIDITY TO DEATH.

IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT EVERY CASE BE RECOGNISED AND TREATED IMMEDIATELY. PROMPT TREATMENT CAN SAVE THE PATIENT'S LIFE BUT ONLY IF IT IS PROMPT.

Should anyone develop the following symptoms, severe watery diarrhoea, vomiting, colic and cramps, a registered medical practitioner or Public Dispensary doctor should be called in at once. It is folly to wait, "to see if one will be better tomorrow." "Tomorrow" may be too late! Better be over careful than careless.

The doctor will take the responsibility of correctly diagnosing the case and in the event of its being cholera will notify the Health Authorities, either the anti-epidemic Officer, Post Office Building (Phone No. 39618) or the District Health Officer, who will then issue the necessary instructions and take all further steps.

If anyone has been in contact with a case of cholera, hands should be thoroughly washed and the outer clothing changed and washed or well exposed to strong sunlight. If not already inoculated this should be done at once. Care should be taken to avoid any food likely to upset the bowels, such as raw or badly cooked vegetables, under- or over-ripe fruit.

### Infection Source

If any nausea or diarrhoea and a feeling of lassitude develop report at once to the nearest doctor. The disease may take as long as three weeks to

responsible for the recapture of Burma, (this idea presumably inspired by that great screen fighter, Errol Flynn).

Last, that the Manhattan Atom Bomb project (known rather earlier in Britain under the code name of Tube Alloys, Ltd.) was an all-American undertaking.

And throughout the entire evening this man was talking with complete sincerity, and it was quite obvious that he fully believed all that he was saying. Now if all this did not have an important bearing on Anglo-American relations it would be laughable. But it is, unfortunately, too serious a matter to laugh at; such a gross travesty of facts cannot be brushed away with a wave of the hand. The persistent underestimation of Britain's war effort by Americans is due to two main factors. One is the extreme nationalistic attitude of the U.S. press, which has told the public for the past five years that their country produces the best and nothing but the best. This is illustrated by a recent Gallup Poll, which showed that 95% of the American public believed U.S. warplanes to have been the finest in the world during the last war; this only goes to confirm the fact that you can't make people believe anything if you tell it to them often enough.

The second factor is the extreme incompetence, complacency, or what you will of the British information services, especially in the U.S.A. Whether it is government policy which is to blame I do not know, but the fact remains that British publicity has been a dismal failure throughout the States.

I am not going to recapitulate facts about British achievements as they have already somewhat belatedly appeared in this paper. What I am going to suggest is that this week we have before us a great opportunity to tell the truth to our friends the Americans, not suggesting "Imperialistic Propaganda", but plain cold facts; and I would suggest that no better medium for this exists than the "China Mail". One might have hoped that official quarters would have had the imagination to publish, possibly in pamphlet form, a statistical record of Britain's war record, for not one American in a thousand has any conception of its magnitude. However, knowing the stuff of official minds still so much in evidence around us, one presumes that they are willing in their proud, complacent, and self-satisfied way, to let others continue to take the credit which should rightly belong to Britain. So I can only hope, sir, that your paper will be patriotic enough to rectify the position with the facts at your disposal.

(Space is precious. The risk is that of boring four-fifths of our readers by repetition, while making no impression with the plain unvarnished facts. After all, our American guests have come here to enjoy themselves. We doubt if they'd be at all interested in a "Who Won The War?" controversy.)

### Hong Kong Island

Central City Area:— Old G.C.H. Out Patient Department, Queen's Road; Tung Wah Hospital, Po Yan Street; Chinese Public Dispensary, Aberdeen Street; Old Urban Council Building (opposite Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank).

Eastern Area:— Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, Sooi Kiu Po, Causeway Bay; Chinese Public Dispensary, Stone Nullah Lane, Wanchai; Shaikwan Chinese Public Dispensary, Main Street, Shaikwan.

Western Area:— Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam, Chinese Public Dispensary, Third Street, West Point.

Aberdeen Area:— Aberdeen Chinese Public Dispensary, Island Road.

### Mainland

Kowloon:— Kowloon Hospital, Kwong Wah Street.

Shamshuipo:— Chinese Public Dispensary, I Kuk Street, Shamshuipo.

Yauamati:— Chinese Public Dispensary, Kiang Su Street, Yauamati.

Rural Area:— Un Long Dispensary; Tai Po Dispensary; Tai O Dispensary; Cheung Chow Hospital.

### Special Centres

For those who require certificates of inoculation for purposes of travel or business three special centres have been opened.

Hong Kong:— (1) Port Health Office, Fire Brigade Building, ground floor; (2) Urban Council Building (opposite Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building).

Kowloon:— (1) Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre, Nathan Road (Old Central British School).

Remember: To be valid for travel a certificate must have a photograph of the bearer and the official "chop" of the issuing office and must not be less than six days or more than three months old. Bring a photograph.

# No Surplus Bread Now

One of the first visible effects of the flour ration cut in Hong Kong is the snapping up of official price bread.  
Until a few days ago there was a surplus of such bread, and left-overs had to be sold by distributors at a cut in price. The position has since changed. Bakers have now to queue up at the distributing centres early in the morning or else they will not get their loaves.  
Reason is the high cost of flour for which collectors are now paying \$1.25 per catty, as against 40 cents a catty when the first cut in the ration was made.

### R.A.F. DANCE

A successful dance was held in the R.A.F. Transit Hotel (Mody Chatham Road, Kowloon) last night, and it is hoped that this will be the first of a weekly series. About 80 people were present, made up of chiefly airmen, W.A.A.F.s and civilian lady passengers.

A buffet supper and bar were provided. Arrangements were in the hands of Flight Officer "Dai" Barlow and L.A.C. Bill Smith.



# Tojo Gets A Slap On His Bald Head

## DARKER LOAF AT HOME NOW

London, May 3. Britain is to darken her loaf to an extraction rate of 90 per cent, as a temporary measure, the Food Minister, Sir Ben Smith, announced at a hastily called press conference here tonight.

In March the extraction rate was brought to 85 per cent, compared with an average pre-war rate of 73 per cent. "The change in the rate of extraction involves some consequential changes in the supply of feeding stuffs this summer. A further statement on this subject will be made in a few days," Sir Ben said. "The output of biscuits and similar products will be reduced by 25 per cent. "The fat allocation for flour, confectionery and cakes will be cut by 25 per cent," he declared, adding it was hoped these "drastic steps" would bridge the most stringent period before the gathering of the next harvest.—Reuter.

### Darker Yet?

London, May 3. Yesterday, Sir Ben Smith, British Minister of Food, warned the people of Britain of the possibility of even darker bread, when he opened a mobile "Battle for Bread" exhibition in London.

Proceedings were relayed to seven provincial cities where similar exhibitions were opened simultaneously. Twenty other exhibitions will open in provinces on Wednesday week.

At an exhibition in London, 24 panels with pictures and diagrams give facts of the pre-war trade in wheat and the decline in production caused through war droughts and floods. Sir Ben Smith said that the European grain production had fallen from 46,000,000 tons before the war to 31,000,000 tons last year. A four point bread, code is prominently displayed and pamphlets and exhibits of dishes made from stale bread demonstrate how the British people's economy can contribute to the relief of nations faced with famine.—London Press Service.

## Lord Fraser

Yokohama, May 3. Admiral Lord Fraser, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet, is to visit the Tokyo and Yokohama areas for a period of six days, beginning May 5.

He will confer with General Douglas MacArthur and also visit Nikko, the health resort north of Tokyo with Lieutenant-General Robert L. Eichelberger, the 8th Army Commander.—Associated Press.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES

### MAIL NOTICE

#### OUTWARD MAILS

Saturday, 4th May.		
Kwongchow Wen	Tak Oa Lee	9.00 a.m.
Hollow	Shun Hong I	9.00 a.m.
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Sai	10.00 a.m.
Kongmoon	Man Hing	11.00 a.m.
Swatow	Haiyang	11.00 a.m.
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	C.N.A. & Place (Reg.)	3.30 p.m.
	(Ord.)	4.00 p.m.
Sunday, 5th May.		
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Fook Cheung	10.00 a.m.
Hollow	Wing Hing	10.00 a.m.
Canton	Fatshan	4.00 p.m.
Monday, 6th May.		
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Sai	10.00 a.m.
Straits	Tak Sang	9.00 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Hermelin	10.00 a.m.
Amoy	Man Hing	10.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Durban, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney & Auckland	By Air (Reg.)	1.45 p.m.
	(Ord.)	2.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton & Hollow	C.N.A. & Place (Reg.)	3.30 p.m.
	(Ord.)	4.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7th May.		
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Fook Cheung	10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai	C.N.A. & Place (Reg.)	9.30 a.m.
	(Ord.)	4.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8th May.		
Macao & Tsinshan	Kwong Sai	10.00 a.m.
Canton	Sai On	10.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok & Saigon	By Air (Reg.)	1.45 p.m.
	(Ord.)	2.00 p.m.
Wanchow	Wing Hing	9.00 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco		
	Empire Joy	9.30 p.m.
Australia via Sydney		
	Empire Joy	9.30 p.m.

## JAP. FLEET

Tokyo, May 3. The Japanese Government has been given until April 30, 1947 to destroy the Imperial Navy's major combat ships which the United States military forces failed to sink, an Allied Headquarters memorandum to the Japanese Government stated.

Allied Headquarters said it is expected that only eight aircraft carriers and cruisers would be destroyed under the terms of this order which was issued on Monday and announced today.—Associated Press.

## 'HANGED BOY' MURDER CASE

Manchester, May 3. A statement said to have been made by Thomas McClynn, 24-year-old seaman who was brought back from Gibraltar to answer a charge of murder in Liverpool in the "hanged boy" case, was quoted in Court today.

Also charged with the murder of 11-year-old Charles Greeney, found hanged in the clothes rack at his home in Edge Lane, Liverpool, are James Welsh, seaman of no fixed address, Charles Lawrence, 31, seaman, Chalmers Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool, and Henry Joseph White, 21, of no fixed address.

McClynn's address was given as Lancaster Street, Liverpool.

All four men have pleaded not guilty. In an alleged statement McClynn told how "burglary was arranged in Tracey's Public House, Liverpool." McClynn went on to say "there was no knocking at the front door. After Welsh told the three of them that there was 'a kid in the kitchen, I knew' nothing about it being a murder until I got to Gibraltar when the Inspector told me about it in the warrant," the statement concluded.

At the close of the case for the prosecution Counsel for the defence all indicated they wished to make legal submission and that these should be made in the presence of the jury.

Mr. Justice Celler, releasing the jury until tomorrow, said this was an unusual provision because of the gravity of the case, but in these more enlightened days when perhaps juries were more educated they could be relied upon to carry out their duty properly.—Reuter.

## Reckless Drivers Charged

Leung Chui, truck driver, of the Land Transport, was summoned for driving without due care and caution at Connaught Road Central, on April 12, and for driving lorry No. 264, without a permit, before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Accused pleaded guilty on the first charge and denied the second.

Inspector Alexander of Land Transport said that at 7.45 p.m. on April 12, the accused was driving lorry No. 264 along Connaught Road Central from Western market. The accused's duty was to send the truck back to the Land Transport depot at 5.30 p.m., and he was not allowed to drive any vehicle after that time, without special authorization.

Accused was detected through an accident when he collided with a tram near the Yuen On Wharf.

A total fine of \$60 was imposed.

Another Chinese Leung Yiu, was charged with driving without due care and caution along Queen's Road East near Wellington Barracks on April 18.

Doctor's Chauffeur

Able Seaman S. Greaves said that about 12.15 noon on April 18, he was on traffic duty outside Wellington Barracks. He saw car No. 451 being driven along Queen's Road East in a westerly direction on the wrong side of the road. When the car approached several other vehicles which were on the correct side of the road, the accused's car

# DRAFT AGREEMENT IN INDONESIA

The Hague, May 3.

Professor J.H.A. Logemann, Dutch Overseas Minister, speaking on Indonesia in the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament today, said that although the Government had decided to inform Parliament of the present stage of the discussions in public session, certain objections could be made against it, as no full agreement had yet been reached.

The Government was convinced that real progress had been made, he said. The Indonesian National Movement at first took the standpoint that recognition of the "Republic of Indonesia" as a sovereign state should be the starting point, Professor Logemann said.

The Dutch Government on its side, he said, naturally adopted the view that such a construction could not be considered to accord with the responsibilities which were due to Holland in respect of Indonesia, nor with those which Holland would have to shoulder for the time being in the international community with regard to Indonesia.

While the Dutch Government objected to concluding a treaty with the Indonesian Republic as they could not grant themselves the constitutional authority for it, this need not stand in the way of the establishment of an agreement to stop the use of armed force, except against terrorists and disturbers of the peace, and of an agreement for the immediate beginning of constructive administrative work, Professor Logemann said.

### Free State

The result had been a preliminary draft agreement. The extension of the preliminary agreement between the French Republic and Vietnam was that Vietnam as a "free state" would constitute part of the "Indo-Chinese Federation."

This idea, transferred to the Dutch East Indies, led to the idea of the Indonesian Republic seeking recognition as part of a federation of the Commonwealth of Indonesia. This federation could itself be a partner in The Netherlands Empire.

The Netherlands Government, Professor Logemann said, was prepared to recognise that the Indonesian Republic had de facto authority over those parts of Java, Madura, which has not been occupied by Allied forces. It considered that all "other regions," including Sumatra, must be allowed to express their wishes about their future status with the framework of Indonesia. The Indonesians in so many words were prepared to recognise the government of The Netherlands.

### True Expression

"Given the fact that this declaration envisaged Indonesia as a federative union of autonomous parts, the declaration

makes a provision for the inclusion of a republic. One of the chief objections to the republic—that it is the bearer of revolution will disappear of its own accord when this organization abandons its revolutionary attitude by recognising the sovereignty of the Crown. "When the situation has been purged of impure elements, the Government is convinced, on the basis of their observation, that a self-governing Java, led by the same groups which at present exercise authority in the 'Indonesian Republic' will be the true expression of the political desires of the whole of the Indonesian population of Java."—Reuter.

### Stiff Fighting

Batavia, May 3. British artillery gave cover to a Dutch patrol which encountered stiff opposition while attempting to cross a river in the Sourabaya area, the Netherlands News Agency reported today.

The Dutch managed to withdraw under cover of British guns. In another part of Java, two Indian soldiers, who were attacked by a group of 15 Indonesians, escaped with the loss of only one rifle.

Dutch patrols on the "Paradise" island of Bali, east of Java, captured six more terrorists.—Reuter.

### TERRIBLE FAMINE CONDITIONS

(Continued from Page 1)

high. The same conditions exist in Honan and Hupeh provinces.—Associated Press.

### Situation Desperate

Washington, May 3. The Combined Food Board announced today that widespread rice crop failures had "given rise to a desperate situation" in the rice eating countries.

It said that only sharply curtailed supplies were available for export during the current quarter. It said 582,000 metric tons of rice were available from all sources.

"The essential world import requirements are 1,100,000 tons," the board said, "widespread famine threatens many rice eating areas of the world, notably China, Southeast Asia, India and the Far East generally."

In order to make the most of available supplies, the board recommended sending no rice to Europe.

Recommended allocations for the current quarter included China, 100,000 tons, of which the United States is supplying 36,500; Hong Kong, 20,000 tons; the Philippines, 39,000; Malaya, 69,000; India, 146,000; Siam, 69,000; Ceylon, 90,000; the Dutch Indies, 98,100; British Far East military, 98,100; the British Pacific Islands, 8,000; and British Borneo, 4,000.—Associated Press.

### Siam Rice

Bangkok, May 3. Britain will buy 1,200,000 tons of rice from Siam during the next 12 months under a new agreement, it was announced here tonight.

The rice will be bought at the basic price of \$12.14 per ton. A statement on the agreement expresses the readiness to release Siam rice quickly.—Reuter.

### GUAM PETITION

Agana, Guam, May 3. The Guam Congress, meeting for the first time since the Japanese invaded the United States Naval Base Island in the Marianas in 1941, urged America to grant citizenship to Guamanians.

Thirty-six of the 42 congressmen who were elected in 1941 met today in a hut near the ruins of the bombed government palace. Guam has been under United States Naval Government since 1917 and the Congress functions only as an advisory body.—Associated Press.

## JAP. GOVT.

Tokyo, May 3. Baron Kijuro Shidehara, Japanese Prime Minister, broke Japan's eleven-day old political deadlock today when he went to the Imperial Palace and recommended as his successor Ichiro Hatoyama, leader of the Progressive Party, which secured 141 of the 464 seats in the Diet in the recent general elections. Official announcements of new appointments are being withheld pending the approval of General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.—Reuter.

May 3. Shannon Airport, Eire, General Tazema Boy Komorovsky, Warsaw Underground leader during the war, passed through here tonight on his way to Chicago where he will attend the Polish Independence Day celebrations on Sunday.—Reuter.

## GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

### ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939

#### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS.

1. Attention is drawn to the Registration of Persons Ordinance 1939, Sections 2, 3 and 4 which deal with the registration of aliens, particulars required and registration of visitors at Hotels, etc.

2. Every alien at present in the Colony of Hong Kong, who by birth, marriage, naturalisation, or any operation of the law of this Colony, the British Empire, or any other country, is a national of the undermentioned countries, is hereby required to report in person before the 15th day of May, 1946 (hours 0930—1200, 1430—1630). Sundays, Saturday afternoons and public holidays excepted.) at the Registration of Persons Office, 2nd Floor, Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building, (Connaught Road entrance), where the relevant requirements of such Registration of Persons Ordinance will be explained.

COUNTRIES: Germany Austria Hungary Bulgaria Rumania Finland Italy.

3. Nationals of the above-named countries who change their ordinary or business address, or who now or in the future decide to leave the Colony, either permanently or temporarily, must similarly report in person without delay to the Registration of Persons Office, where the necessary formalities will be explained.

4. Aliens of nationalities other than those named above will be advised by notice in the Press when they are required to register under this Ordinance.

Sgd. W. R. M. DUNKLEY, Immigration Officer, for Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, May 3, 1946.

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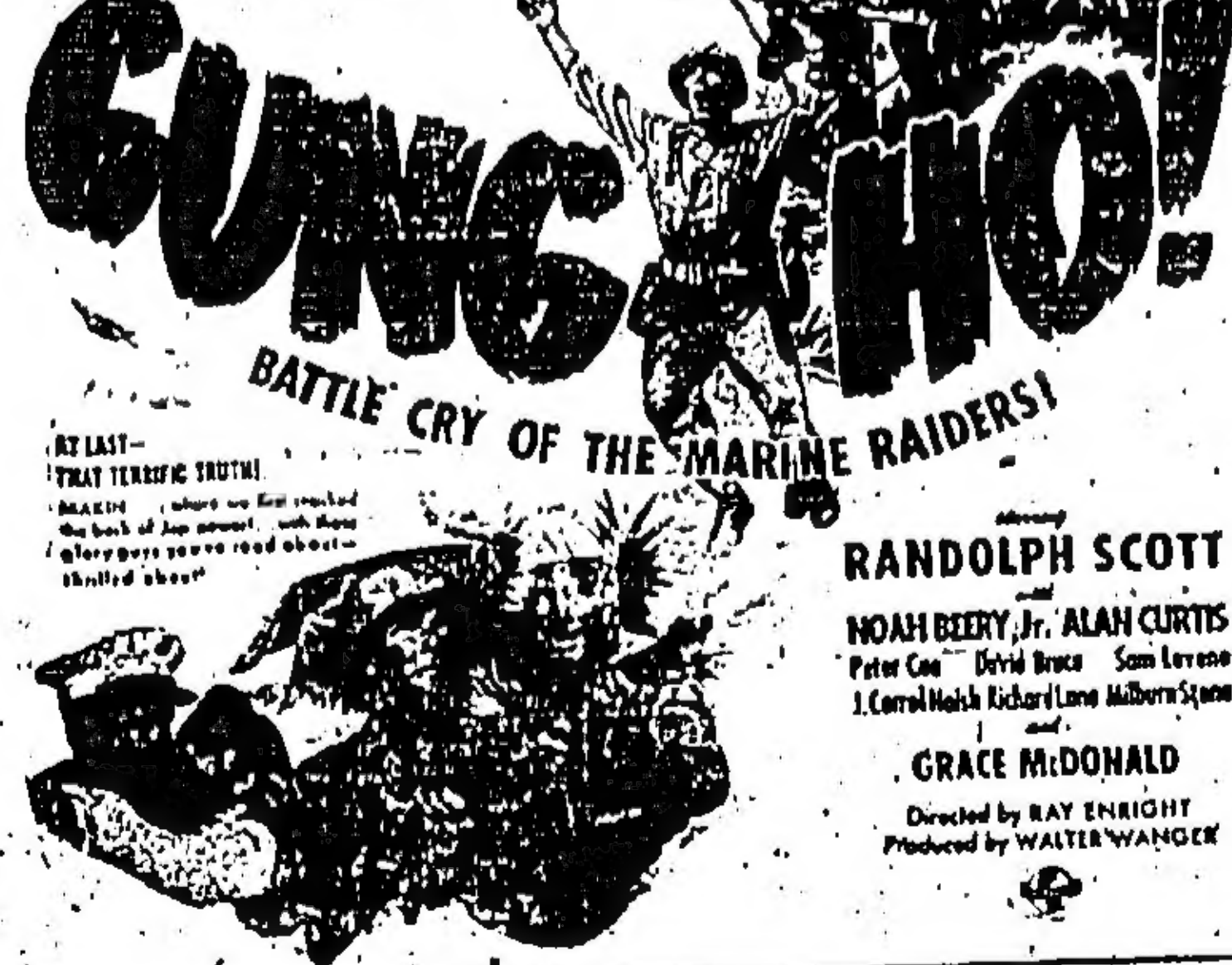
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# Paris Deadlock: Talks Get Into Second Gear

(By HAROLD KING)

PARIS, MAY 3.

THE FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE TODAY MOVED INTO SECOND GEAR IN AN EFFORT TO GET OUT OF THE ADMITTED DEADLOCK WHICH THE FIRST WEEK OF THE FORMAL MEETINGS DEALING WITH THE ITALIAN PEACE TREATY HAS LANDED IT. ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER, M. GEORGES BIDAULT THAT THE "CONFERENCE IS NOT GETTING ANYWHERE" MR. BYRNES, MR. BEVIN, M. BIDAULT AND MR. MOLOTOV THIS EVENING STARTED MEETINGS IN AN INFORMAL MANNER—WITHOUT AGENDA OR MINUTES—IN MR. BYRNES' OWN OFFICE AT LUXEMBOURG PALACE.

Decision was taken unanimously earlier today "in the interest of greater understanding and greater progress." The deadlock arises between Russia and other powers over the question of appointing a treaty commission to supervise the apprehension of Italian war criminals in Italy and other military clauses of the future treaty.

Other thorny questions, such as disposal of Italian colonies, including North Africa, and the ultimate sovereignty of Trieste, have been shelved during the first week of the conference, and observers agree that the time has now come for getting down to brass tacks of striking practical bargains between the "Big Four."

The conference may henceforth be expected to move back into the secret zone, in which Russia expected it would be conducted from the start. The practice of the American, British and French delegations to give so-called "background talks" every night to press representatives of their own nationality has, so far, enabled the world public to have a fairly accurate idea of the subjects discussed and the views expressed by each of the "Big Four."

## Bargaining Stage

Now the stage of realistic bargaining appears to have set in, observers express doubts whether the same refreshing frankness will continue to be observed by conference officials.

Contrary to original expectations, the Four-Power conference hitherto, has been the least secretive of any international conference since Mr. Winston Churchill went to Moscow in August 1942 to tell Generalissimo Stalin in a stormy session that Britain could not possibly

invade the European Continent that year, and that it was unfair on the part of the Soviet Union to run anti-British propaganda in the Soviet press in the middle of the war.

Greater discretion about the talks in Paris may be anticipated henceforth, although no doubt information will continue to be forthcoming about the morning session, which will go on being a full dress meeting in the Victor Hugo Salon of Luxembourg Palace.

It is not yet certain whether the Italian and Yugoslav representatives will plead their respective cases about Trieste and the future Italo-Yugoslav frontier-line at the Foreign Ministers Conference on Friday afternoon, as originally planned.

## Clash With Russia

At today's formal session, the four Ministers decided in favour of Yugoslav's claim to a number of islands off the Dalmatian coast, including the island of Peljago, on condition it is not fortified. Italy was awarded the island of Pianosa on the same condition.

It is authoritatively learned that the British and American delegations are united in the clash with the Russians on questions of Italian reparations. This question was discussed during a 2½ hour informal session held in the private office of Mr. James Byrnes.

The Russians stuck to their previous demand for \$75,000,000 reparations from Italy. Mr. Byrnes indicated he was ready to listen to any plan Russia might advance for attaining reparations from Italy without crippling Italian economy. Earlier in the conference, the four Ministers agreed that a revision of the armistice terms with Italy should be made with all possible speed.

## Italians Arrive

The informal discussions between the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers, which are to supplement the formal sessions of the conference from today, are expected to differ from the earlier meetings in that there will be no formal agenda, and no formal records will be made.

M. Bidault received the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Molotov, this morning before the Foreign Ministers' meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Bevin are holding a reception at the British Embassy tomorrow evening in honour of the American, Soviet and French delegations.

Meanwhile, Signor De Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, accompanied by Count Nicolo Carandini, Italian Ambassador, 18 experts on military, naval and political questions and officials of the Italian Foreign Ministry arrived in Paris this evening.

Signor De Gasperi has come to Paris to take part in tomorrow's session of the conference, when it is expected that the main points of the Italian peace treaty will be discussed.—Reuter.

## Award

Paris, May 3.  
The Foreign Ministers' Council yesterday awarded the string of Dalmatian islands along the eastern coast of the Adriatic sea to Yugoslavia, it was learned from British sources.—Associated Press.

## Premature Report?

Washington, May 2.  
Mr. Charles Ross, press secretary at the White House, today reiterated the inference he gave reporters yesterday that President Truman's telephone talk with M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, was limited to an exchange of greetings.

Mr. Ross showed irritation at being asked many questions, including one about reports in Paris newspapers that the President had discussed the French food situation with M. Bidault and another on reports in United States newspapers to the effect that the President's chat with the French Foreign Minister "projected him into French general politics."

(It was reported from Paris yesterday that President Truman told M. Bidault over the trans-Atlantic telephone: "Important decisions were taken in Washington this morning (April 30) to aid France: Firstly, in regard to a loan and, secondly, in regard to wheat shipment. You will know the details very soon, and I am sure they will be very satisfactory for France.")—Reuter.

## Obituary

York Minster Organist

New York, May 3.  
Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow, distinguished cathedral organist and choir trainer, and for 33 years organist and master of music at York Minster in the North of England, died at York last night at the age of 71.

When he was 17, Bairstow started as music master at a private school in Windsor, Berkshire, and in October 1900, became an article pupil of Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of London's Westminster Abbey, remaining with him for six years.

In 1913, Bairstow succeeded Dr. Tertius Noble as organist and master of the choir at York Minster.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday in 1944, the people of York honoured Bairstow by filling the fine sixteenth century hall of St. William's to hear a concert of his own compositions. The Minster choir were among the performers.

In 1928, Bairstow was elected President of the Royal College of Organists, and in 1932 he was knighted.—Reuter.

## Research Expert

New York, May 3.  
Dr. Simon Flexner, 85, Director Emeritus of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, who was renowned for studies of meningitis, infantile paralysis and diphtheria, died today after an operation.

Flexner was a member of the commission sent to the Philippines in 1909 to investigate tropical diseases. There he discovered bacillus responsible for a widespread form of dysentery.—Associated Press.

## CIVIC WELCOME FOR DIXMUDE

Cardiff, May 3.  
The crew of the French aircraft carrier Dixmude, putting in at Newport, was given a civic welcome today by the Mayor of Newport, Alderman Mrs. B. H. Hayward.

The senior officer, Commander F. Alain, was introduced to the Mayor by Mr. Eric Dunn, the French Consular Agent at Newport.

The Dixmude, which has arrived to load naval stores, leaves on Saturday to return to her post.—Reuter.

## KICKED OUT

London, May 3.  
Seventeen trains carrying 17,000 Germans expelled from Czechoslovakia and Hungary, have arrived in the German provinces of Westphalia and Baden, according to an official announcement, the British News Service in Germany reported today.—Reuter.

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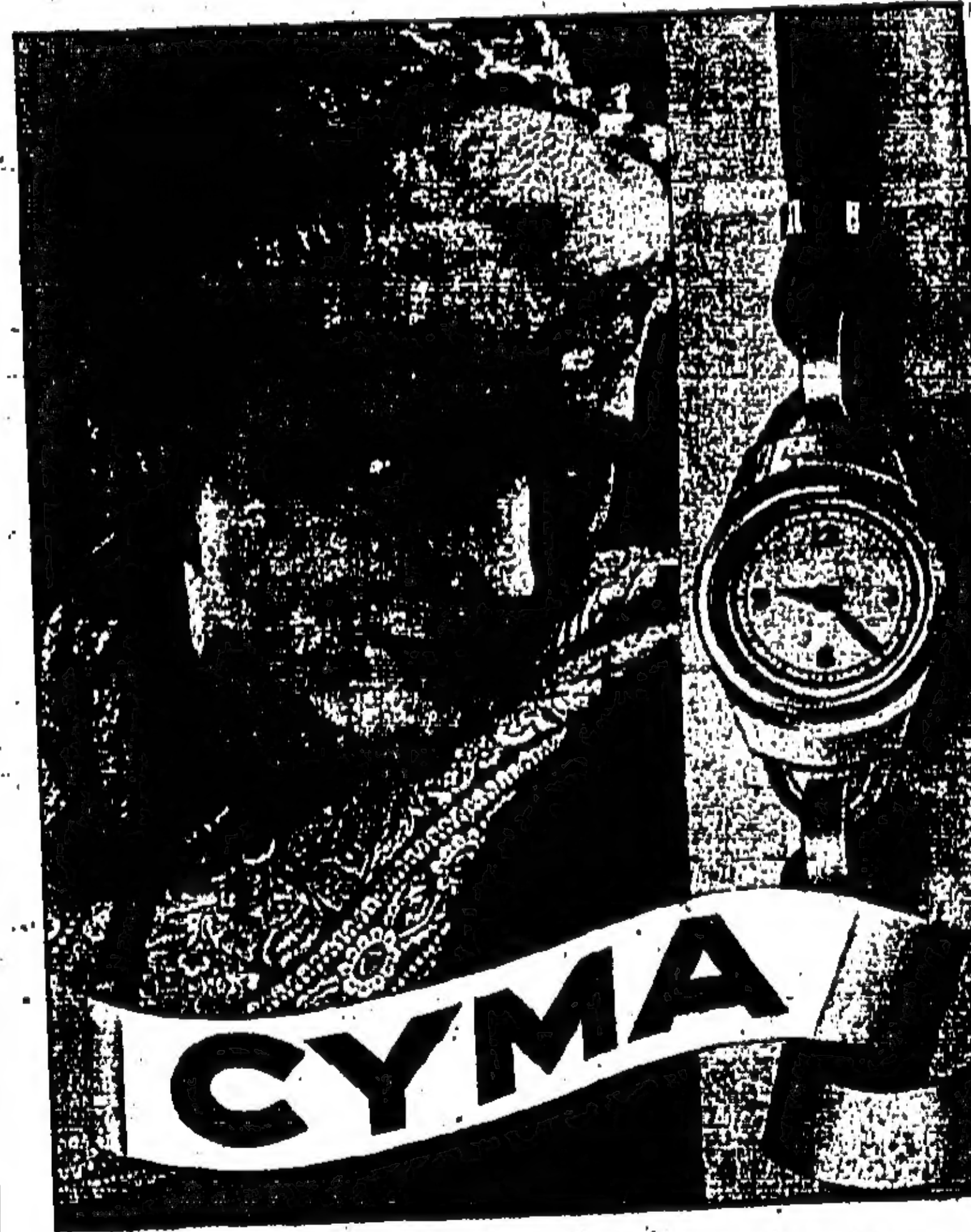
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## Just A Lot Of Turkey

Istanbul, May 3.  
The official Anatolia Agency said today that an Associated Press story quoting a high Iraq official on the recently signed Iraq-Turkish treaty was without any foundation.

A spokesman for the agency said the story, which Anatolia denied, was transmitted from Baghdad.

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North, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

S. 6 3

H. A Q 8 7 2

D. A Q 6 2

C. K 6

S. Q 8 7 4

H. J 6 3

D. 10 8 3

C. Q 7 3

S. J 6 3

H. K 9 4

D. K 9 7 4

C. J 10 8 2

S. A K 10 8 5 4

H. 10 5

D. J 6

C. A 8 4

North Pass South Pass

1H Pass 2S Pass

3D Pass 3S Pass

4S Pass 6S Pass

Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

Pass

West, for reasons known only to himself, opened the Jack of hearts, and South thought for a moment. It seemed highly probable that East had both red Kings for his double; so either he had to be talked out of both Kings, or South had to hope for a very favourable trump situation.

After arriving at this conclusion, South put up dummy's heart Ace and calmly returned the heart deuce. East naturally thought his partner had led from the Jack-ten of hearts, so he played the nine of hearts; and South won with the heart ten. South next laid down the Ace of trumps, and East's Jack gave him food for thought. Before deciding on his next trump play, however, South went after the diamonds. He led the five of diamonds from his own hand, winning with dummy's Ace, and then returned the deuce of diamonds from the dummy. East thought and squirmed—and finally played a low diamond—and South won with the diamond Jack. Having twice swindled East, South could now turn to West. He led to the club King, ruffed a third round of diamonds, cashed the club Ace, ruffed a club in dummy, and ruffed a third round of hearts. At this stage South and West had only trumps left. South then led the eight of trumps, and West was helpless. He could win with the nine of trumps, but would then have to lead from his Queen-seven up to South's King-ten!

Question

Today you held the same hand, and the bidding continued:

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2S Pass (7)

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Associated Press.

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OIL PRODUCTION

New York, May 3.

The American Petroleum Institute today reported that the daily gross crude oil production last week decreased by 14,260 barrels to 4,672,000 barrels.

The total estimated production of gasoline is given as 14,228,000 barrels.

Associated Press.

N. Y. EXCHANGES

New York, May 2.

Foreign Exchange Market:—

T.T. on Montreal \$90.81, London \$4.03, Paris \$0.84, Buenos Aires (free market) \$24.80, Rio de Janeiro \$5.25, Mexico \$20.05.

Associated Press.

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**N.Y. STOCK MARKET**

New York, May 2.

Specialized demand continued to bring wide gains today to assorted thin issues while many leaders were forced to give ground under light selling pressure.

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**SHIPPING MOVEMENTS****Arrivals**

Yesterday:—H.M.T. Enticer from Singapore, U.S. L.S.T.'s 628 and 950, U.S.S. Greenwich Bay and S.S. Maunabo from Singapore.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Wuchang and S.S. Wuchang from Singapore, H.M.S. Bigbury Bay from Shanghai, U.S.S. Cummings and L.S.T. 659 from Saigon, H.M.S. Woodcock from Pratas, U.S. L.S.T.'s 72, 632, 636, 638 and 945, S.S. Bust from Singapore and U.S.S. Neches.

Tomorrow:—S.S. Fengtien from Singapore.

Departures

Yesterday:—P.S. Duquesne for Shanghai, H.M.S. Lagos for Shanghai and H.M.S. Maroon for Singapore.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—H.M.S. Hart for Pratas and S.S. Haiyang for Swatow.

Chicago Grains

Chicago, May 2.

Short covering near the close of the Chicago Grain market sent May Rye five cents higher. Buying was based on the increase in prices of Winnipeg Rye of five cents in July, October and December deliveries.

Oats were weak on additional mid-west rains and the report by the Department of Agriculture that only five million to six million bushels of corn purchased by Government under the bonus plan will be for export. Rye in sympathy lifted Oat prices at the close.

Rye—May \$2.67, per bushel. Oats—July \$0.83 per bushel. Winnipeg Rye—May \$2.83, July \$2.00, October \$2.06, December \$1.97. Associated Press.

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RAIL STATISTICS

Washington, May 3.

The Association of American railroads today reported that 659,952 cars of revenue freight were loaded last week.

This figure represents an increase of 1.4 per cent over the preceding week and a decrease of 20.7 from the corresponding week a year ago.—Associated Press.

Steel Output Drops

New York, May 2.

The trade paper "Iron Age" today reported that steel ingot output dropped 5 1/2 points this week to 98 per cent of capacity as a result of dwindling coal supplies. A sharper drop is forecast for next week.

The paper said the coal shut-down has resulted in the loss of one million tons in steel ingots. Another loss of 750,000 tons is expected next week.

Another effect of the coal shut-down is foreshadowed by reports that coal supplies of some railroads are dangerously low which may result in the curtailing of freight hauls.

The volume of steel orders has increased this week.

The "Iron Age" said that cases of black market transactions in steel are becoming more frequent.—Associated Press.

New York, May 3.

The Atlas Powder Corporation has receded its common dividend to 50 cents a share. It was reported today. The previous dividend was 75 cents.—Associated Press.

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## ATOM ENERGY BILL Complete Control And Use By Government Only Proposed Heavy Penalties Suggested

**Simla**

Simla, May 3.  
The round table conference on India's future constitution between the Cabinet Ministers and the Indian Members of Congress is now in progress. Preliminary talks began today. The British and Congress delegates have now assembled, but the Muslim delegation is still awaited, and Dr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, is not expected until Saturday.—Reuter.

## VICTORY DAY CELEBRATIONS

London, May 3.

Hundreds of coloured floodlights and searchlights will illuminate the historic landmarks during the Victory Day celebrations here from June 8 to June 15, involving the expenditure of £27,000.

Buckingham Palace, London residence of the Royal family, will be cast in a purple glow from 12 searchlights while an additional two will illuminate the Royal Standard.

Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square will be pinpointed from four searchlights pointed on buildings around the square. Twelve searchlights will illuminate the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Plans have been worked out by electrical engineers of the Ministry of Works to achieve various effects with red, green, amber and purple lighting to accentuate the details of architecture.

Canada House in Trafalgar Square will be floodlit white from 49 lights. Pale blue and white will be thrown onto the Admiralty Arch at the head of Whitehall and government buildings will be illuminated in various colours.

Scotland and Wales will have their own floodlighting plans arranged by the local authorities but Ministry of Works engineers will send fittings to illuminate St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, headquarters of the Scottish Office, and the Board of Health building in Cardiff, Wales.—Reuter.

### R.N. Programme

London, May 3.  
Details of the Royal Navy's plans for the Victory celebrations, issued by the Admiralty today, provide for a five-day visit of cruisers, destroyers, submarines, torpedo boats and minesweepers to the Thames.

Twenty warships are expected to arrive in the Thames on Friday, June 7 and stay until Tuesday, June 11. The ships will be illuminated at night with thousands of coloured lights. They will be moored at various points along the Thames and with the permission of the Admiralty will be open to the public on Whit Sunday and Whit Monday.

A parade on Saturday, June 8, of hundreds of officers and ratings will include four distinguished naval war commanders and the vehicle column will include distinguished foreign war commanders. The Royal Standard, to be hoisted at the saluting base at the Mall, is the one used on the beaches in Normandy when the King visited his troops shortly after D-Day.

Representatives of Dominion navies will march with the Dominion contingents.—Reuter.

### TORY MOTION REJECTED

London, May 3.  
The House of Commons tonight agrees in principle to Health Minister Aneurin Bevan's health plan, providing for free medical and hospital treatment for all citizens, after rejecting a Conservative motion to throw out the bill, by 162 votes to 172.

Before passing the House of Commons, the bill must be debated in detail, and a final vote will be necessary. It is expected that the bill will pass through the House of Lords.—Reuter.

**LONDON, MAY 3.**  
**PENALTIES OF UP TO FIVE YEARS PENAL SERVITUDE FOR THE UNAUTHORISED DISCLOSURES OF INFORMATION ON ATOMIC ENERGY HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY BILL, WHICH VESTS COMPLETE CONTROL OF BRITISH DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE ATOM IN THE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OF THE BILL ISSUED HERE TODAY.**

THE MEASURE WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MR. JOHN WILMOT, MINISTER OF SUPPLY.

Details of the penalties under the act provide for a maximum fine of £500 and an alternative or additional five years penal servitude.

The Bill empowers the Minister of Supply exclusively to produce and use atomic energy in this country, to carry out research and to produce, handle and deal with it in any way.

Clauses in the measure also cover other phases of atomic development, including the assimilation of information and the search for minerals containing uranium and other substances vital to research.

Materials and contractual rights could be acquired by compulsion. Special provisions regarding inventions in relation to atomic energy are laid down in the Bill and the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, is required to prohibit or restrict the publication of information concerning an application for a patent of this nature, and to notify the Ministry.

**Wide Power**  
The Bill also prohibits applications for patents by persons resident in this country or in any other country outside the United Kingdom, unless similar application has already been made here and any ban lifted.

The powers of the Bill must be wide in order to permit the British Government to carry out the obligations which might fall on it under any scheme of international control worked out by the United Nations, the Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, told a press conference today.

It was essential that the Government should have powers to discharge its international obligations and that unlicensed persons should be prevented from producing his destructive power without supervision, he continued.

It was not intended that there should be any restriction on the free exchange of basic scientific information, Mr. Wilmot emphasised, as opposed to information about the technical know-how of running the plants. This remarkable new branch of science must not be allowed to languish and die, the Minister concluded.

**Heavy Spending**  
An expenditure of no less than £30,000,000 is foreseen to cover the projects already announced by the Prime Minister, which comprise extensive experiments in the production of materials required and for their use.

Progress has already been made in building the government experimental station on Harwell aerodrome near Didcot, Berkshire.

Although no information is given as to whether the Dominion Prime Ministers now in London were discussing atomic energy problems, it is reported that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, and the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Evatt, today conferred with Professor Oliphant, Australian professor of physics at Birmingham University, who was a leading figure in British wartime atomic research.

It is not the aim of the British Government to interfere with purely scientific research as distinct from details of actual working of factories, but in case of doubt the Minister of Supply will decide what comes within the sphere of pure science.

It is not the present intention

of the Government to nationalise the production of atomic energy for industrial purposes. The Government is primarily concerned in controlling its dangerous uses.

### Press Ban

Individual firms and even private persons may be licensed to carry out work in atomic energy and thus experiments will not be confined to Government factories.

The publication of information on atomic secrets is completely banned with the important exception of that which has appeared in the foreign press.

Widespread powers are conferred upon the Minister of Supply, who may order his officers to search any buildings where he has reasonable grounds for believing that atomic work is being carried out and to remove any designs or documents.

The Government also has the right to acquire the necessary minerals although none are believed to exist in the British Isles and to take over any firm or apparatus.

Except in time of war, no Minister has ever been given such full powers.—Reuter.

### ALEX ARRESTS

Alexandria, May 3.  
Egyptian troops yesterday occupied Farouk University and arrested 18 students who demonstrated there in protest against published reports that Britain proposes to retain four airbases in Egypt.

The troops cleared the University after three persons were killed on Wednesday in a clash between students and police.—Associated Press.

## Widow Produces A Bone As Proof

**A titled Indian woman, in evidence presented to the Privy Council today, based her claim to widowhood and an immense fortune on a human bone she said she carried from her husband's funeral pyre 37 years ago.**

The testimony, part of voluminous court records of a 27-year-old lawsuit for an Indian domain as big as England, was a phase in one of the strangest cases ever brought before the highest judicial authority in the British Empire.

Appearing against a decision of India's highest court granting the estate to a man who claims to be the Rajah, the Ranees of Bibhabati's evidence said she took the bone from among the ashes of his remains and it was thrown into the river Ganges by a priest.

Counsel for the Ranees said her husband died on May 8, 1909, and the following day his body was taken in a procession to the Hindu cremation ground at Darjeeling.

The man who claims to be the Rajah says he was revived by a sudden rainstorm at the moment the pyre burst into flames.

**Became Disciple**  
Rescued by four beggars, he states, he was nursed back to health and taken to a famous Hindu shrine in Kashmir, where he became a disciple of the chief of the ascetics.

He avows also that when his body was found missing another was substituted and burned.

He said he suffered a loss of memory for 12 years and in

## The 1,000 Guineas

Newmarket, May 3.  
The King's filly, Hypericum, which won the One Thousand Guineas here today, bolted at the start of the race and after going three quarters of a mile, was caught and taken back to the post.

The race started 14 minutes late owing to Hypericum's escapade. This filly, who is inclined to be fractious, seemed to be on her best behaviour but just when it was thought the starter would dispatch the field, she threw her jockey and galloped down the course. Smith, her jockey, was heavily thrown but unhurt. A few minutes later back she came after Smith had caught up with her in a car. This time she went away with the field although starting rather slowly.

It was the King's fourth win of the season. He had previously won the One Thousand Guineas with Sun Chariot. It was Douglas Smith's first classic. Princess Elizabeth saw her father win one of the most spectacular races ever seen in Newmarket.

The betting was 100 to 6 on Hypericum, 4 to 6 on Neolight and 9 to 1 on Iona. Hypericum won by 1 1/2 lengths. Three quarters of a length separated Neolight and Iona.—Reuter.

## WEMBLEY FINAL

London, May 3.

A Yorkshire invasion of London will take place tomorrow when the Northerners traditional Rugby League Challenge Cup final between Wigan and Wakefield Trinity will be played at the Wembley Stadium at 3.30 p.m. (British Summer Time).

A record crowd of over 50,000 will see the game, which will be played according to the 13-a-side code and the first Wembley final for six years.

Both clubs have been favourites to reach the final since the early rounds of the competition. Big scores marked their progress to the final, Wakefield scoring 54 against 12 and Wigan 80 against 15. Wakefield, one of the oldest clubs in the country are hoping to win the cup for the first time since 1909. Experts have hesitated to select the favourite as the teams are very evenly matched. Thousands of miners are expected in London for the game, as both sides include a number of pit workers.—Reuter.

### DAVIS CUP

Barcelona, May 3.  
Switzerland and Spain divided the first two singles matches of their Davis Cup matches with Luis Carlos downing Henri Huerdier of Switzerland by a score of 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; and Josep Spitzer beating Pedro Castella of Spain 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.—Associated Press.

## Best Soccer Team In Years

(By "REFEREE")

**THE BEST SOCCER TEAM SEEN IN ACTION HERE FOR MANY YEARS AND ONE WHICH HAS DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER FOR THE REHABILITATION OF FOOTBALL IN HONG KONG IS 44 R.M. COMMANDOS.**

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## Ryder Cup Prospects

New York, May 3.

United States Professional Golfers' Association officials expressed their confidence that the Ryder Cup, golfing competition would be resumed next year after a lapse of 10 years.

Based on the decision of British Open Champion Dick Burton to invade the golf realms of the United States, PGA President Edward Dudley said he is calling a request to British golf professionals asking them to reconsider their previous decision and send a team to America to play an American squad for the championship next year.

Britain's PGA President, Henry Cotton, declined a previous invitation, saying that British professionals would take at least two years to recover their prewar golfing form.

The United States now holds the Ryder Cup, having won it in England in 1937 for the fourth time in six matches. British champion, Dick Burton accepted an invitation on Wednesday to meet Byron Nelson, the United States PGA champion at Mamaroneck, New York on May 29.—Associated Press.

### Offer To Cotton

Montreal, May 3.  
The Beaconsfield Golf Club called the British Professional Golfers' Association today, offering \$2,000 in prizes and a round trip with all expenses paid to Henry Cotton, former Open Champion and three other British professionals for a Best Ball Team match against four top United States professionals.

Officials here mentioned Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, Ben Hogan and Jug McSpaden as possible United States team. A discussion over the relative ability of British and American golfers arose several months ago when some Britons questioned the low scores attained by Nelson, top money winner among American golfers, last year.

Richard Burton, the present British Open Champion is to meet Nelson later this month in a 36-hole match at Mamaroneck, New York.—Associated Press.

## ICE HOCKEY

London, May 2.

The Wembley Lions beat the Davos Ice-Hockey Club of Switzerland by 8-3 at the Empire Pool, Wembley, tonight before a packed house in a fast and thrilling game in a first and second session.

The home team set off at a great pace and established a lead in the first ten minutes. The Swiss rallied and the Wembley team came under heavy pressure by the visitors, who could neither score once in the second session.

In the final session, the Swiss began to weaken but the Englishmen finished strongly, scoring five goals in the last ten minutes.—Reuter.

### ROYAL VICTORY

Newmarket, May 2.

For the second consecutive day, Princess Elizabeth attended the races here today to see the Royal colours carried to victory by Kingston, winner of the March Stakes.

The Princess walked through the crowded paddock to the parade ring to inspect the runners before the race began.—Reuter.

### SALE WINS

Memphis, Tenn., May 3.

Middleweight Champion Tony Zale registered his sixth consecutive knockout today, stopping Roscoe of Boston in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round non-title bout.

Weighing 150 pounds, Zale was in command of the fight from the outset. He defeated his title opponent Rocky Graziano in New York this summer.—Associated Press.

## DRUG GIVEN TO HORSE?

Newmarket, May 3.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have withdrawn the licence to train of the North country trainer, J. P. Hollowell, alleging that a drug had been administered to one of his horses. The following statement appears in today's racing Calendar:

"The stewards of the Liverpool spring meeting referred to the Stewards of the Jockey Club the report which they received from the Jockey Club analyst on the examination ordered to be made on Karnool, after running in the Hyllon Plate (run at Liverpool on April 6). The Stewards of the Jockey Club interviewed Mr. Adlam, owner, and J. P. Hollowell, trainer of Karnool on May 2 and satisfied themselves that a drug had been administered to the horse for the purpose of the race in question. They disqualified Karnool from running again and withdrew Hollowell's licence to train."

Hollowell, who trains in Yorkshire and specialises in sprint races, in which he has been very successful, said "It appeared to me the Stewards of the Jockey Club at Newmarket yesterday and was informed of the report they received about Karnool. All I can say is that the medicine was supplied by one of the leading firms in Britain and is sold to most of the leading racehorse stables. I had been treating Karnool medicinally for at least ten weeks before the Liverpool meeting with medicine used normally on sick animals."—Reuter.

An open air Royal Navy boxing tournament has been arranged to take place at Causeway Bay on Wednesday night.

There will be 14 bouts and the best of local Naval boxers will be seen in action.

## RADIO

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1946.

"QUIZ" FROM THE STUDIO.

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30, 8.00 to 9.15 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.32 p.m.—Glen Miller & His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—News and Announcements.  
1.10 p.m.—Baritone Von Gees and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Some Compositions of Cole Porter.  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Maurice Winick & His Orchestra.  
7.00 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

7.30 p.m.—Radio News.  
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.  
8.15 p.m.—Songs by Dinah Shore.

8.30 p.m.—Popular Piano Duet.  
8.40 p.m.—Relay from ENSA Star Theatre.

9.15 p.m.—Music for Dancing.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.  
10.05 p.m.—Variety.

10.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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Radio SEAC, Ceylon, the Services station, broadcasting on a frequency of 15120 Kcs (10.84 metres) and 6075 Kcs (49.98 metres) from 6 a.m. to 10.50 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) is 3 1/2 hours behind H.K. time.

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**R.N. V. SING TAO**  
Royal Navy, winners of the Football Shield competition, are meeting Sing Tao in a friendly football game at Causeway Bay on Sunday at 6 p.m.

The following are the probable teams:  
Sing Tao—Chu Shul-hang; Hsu King-sung and Hsu Yun-sai; Lo Wal-kien; Leung Wing-chui and Fung Kwan-ying; Tang Kwong-sum; Fung King-cheong; Chan Kam-hoi; Lai Shul-wing and Leo Shek-yau.  
Navy—Bax; Hogg and Walker; Hodges; Turner and Shandy; Crawford; Simms; Wills; Hawiroo and Fraser.

### TODAY'S CRICKET

A two day charity cricket game in aid of the St. Dunstan's Fund will be played this afternoon at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground between a team captained by Mr. H. Ower-Hughes and the Royal Air Force.  
A collection will be made during the game.

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